

# Receive ye the Holy Ghost

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*Holy Spirit:* A real person.

### I. Who is Holy Spirit?

#### A. Person.

- Intellect Rom 8:27 1 Cor 2:10-11
- Emotions and Feelings. Eph 4:30
- Will. 1 Cor 12:11
- Teaches, Testifies, Guides, Convicts, Restrains, Commands and Directs people. Performs Miracles
- Sends people to areas of service-- Acts 13:2
- Intercedes. Rom 8:26
- Can be obeyed (Acts 10), Lied to (Acts 5), Resisted, Reverenced, (Ps 51:11), Blasphemed (Mt. 12:31) Outraged (Acts 10:29)

#### B. God.

Knows everything I Cor 2:11,12--

Omnipresent Ps. 139:17--

Omnipotent Zech. 4:6--

Truth: I Jn. 5:6--Truth 1 John 5:6 ...

Part of Trinity: 1 John 5:7-8

Gives Life Rom. 8:2

Creates, Inspires, Begot Christ....

### II. Purpose?

A. Reminds: John 14:26

B. Testifies of Christ John 15:26

C. Glorifies Christ. John 16:14

*Glorify*: Magnify, esteem, demonstrate honor towards;

ISBE: *The sphere of the Spirit's activity is the heart of the individual believer and of the church. His chief function is to illumine the teaching and glorify the person of Jesus.*

D. Convicts. Of sin, righteousness, and judgment. John 16:7-11

*Reprove*: to convince, convict.

ISBE: ... a moral conquest of the mind...

*Of sin*: Root cause of sin -- unbelief.

Of *righteousness*: Speaks -- not consistent with righteousness of Jesus Christ.

Of *judgment*: Consequences of sin in our lives.

How know Holy Spirit work in life?

- A. Brings scriptures to mind. Jn 14:26
- B. Gives internal desire to speak about Jesus. John 15:26
- C. Internally motivated--make Jesus look good. John 16:14
- D. Convicts heart about issues of sin, righteousness and judgment.

II. How work?

A. Past: Pre-Salvation.

1. Draws.

John 6:44 John 12:32

- Conviction
- Need for Christ!
- Desire to call out to God--Prayer
- Desire to take steps toward God.

Borchert: *Salvation is never achieved apart from the drawing power of God, and it is never consummated apart from the willingness of humans to hear and learn from God.*

- Illumination:
- Called upon name of Lord to be saved Rom 10:13
- Change

2. Illumines

2 Cor 4:4

- Scriptures become alive Jn 14:26
- Become intensely interested in message about Jesus Christ. John 15:26
- Internally motivated get to know Jesus Christ. John 16:14
- Convicted in heart

Spirit received by hearing of faith Gal 3:2.

B. Present--Salvation

- 1. Opens Heart. Acts 16:14
- 2. Gives faith. Rom 12:3 Gal 5:22 Jude 1:19
- 3. Confirms. Rom 8:16 I Jn. 3:24
- 4. Regenerates Titus 3:5 2 Cor 5:17

Given new capacity to please God. 1 John 2:29 1 John 3:9 1 John 4:7 1 John 5:1

5. Indwells 1 Corinthians 3:16 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 Romans 8:9
6. Baptizes 1 Corinthians 12:13 Ephesians 4:5 Rom 8:1
7. Seals 2 Cor 1:22 Eph 1:13

III. How does He work?

C. Post Salvation—Relationship

1. Don't Grieve Holy Spirit Ephesians 4:30
2. Don't Quench Holy Spirit. 1 Thessalonians 5:19
3. Be Filled by Holy Spirit.

*Eph 5:18 And be not drunk with wine, ...*

*Drunk:* intoxicated, under the control of

*Wine:* alcoholic beverage.

*Wherein is excess:* led to do riotous things.

*But be filled with the Spirit:* Be under the control of; the dominion of,

Command, not option.

Continuous action.

Theodore Epp: *To be under the control of the Spirit of God does not mean a spasmodic filling, for example, for a preacher when he has to bring a message, or a Sunday school teacher who has to teach a class. This is not filling for some particular great event, but a moment-by-moment control by the Spirit of God. There is no victory possible in our lives unless the Spirit of God is given first place in our hearts.*

*Filled:* passive verb

Not have to do with quantity or contents.

Must allow Holy Spirit to have complete control

Filled with Spirit? Constantly controlled by Holy Spirit in mind, will and emotions.

*Filled*

1. Wind in sails. 2 Pet 1:21
2. Permeation. Holy Spirit so permeates lives and being that thoughts, words and actions demonstrate His presence and will.
3. Total control.

Results of filling?

- Spiritual Growth—progressive sanctification Gal. 5:22-23;

Walvoord: *The all-important fact is that true Christian character cannot be produced apart from the work of the Holy Spirit. The appeal of the Scriptures, accordingly, is for right adjustment to the Spirit of God first, with the promise that through the filling of the Spirit the longings of the new nature for a holy life in the will of God may be satisfied.*

- Effective teaching Jn 16:12-15
- Guidance Rom 12:1-2; Rom. 8:14  
Gen 24:27 ... *I being in the way, the LORD led me to the house of my master's brethren.*
- Assurance Rom 8:16 Gal 4:6; 1 Jn 3:24; 4:13  
Walvoord: *It is one of the penalties of carnality and sin in the Christian's life that many lose the blessing of assurance and are robbed temporarily at least of this blessing.*
- Effective Worship Eph. 5:18-21
- Effective Prayer Rom 8:26-27
- Effective Service John 7:38-39

#### IV. Manifestations of Spirit-controlled life:

##### 1. Singing Heart

Eph 5:19 *Speaking*: Sound that comes as result of heart submissive to Spirit

Spirit-filled Christian--singing Christian.

MacArthur: *When missionaries began evangelistic work among an Indian tribe I visited high in the Andes of Ecuador, they were frustrated for many years by lack of results. Suddenly the Spirit of God began to move and a large number of Indians were converted within a short time. In addition to a hunger for God's Word, one of the first evidences of their new life in Christ was a great desire to sing His praises. I listened as they stood for hours in their thatched-roof church and sang hymn after hymn. The song from their hearts was the most inescapable characteristic that set those believers apart from everyone else in their pagan village.*

...to Yourselves: Among fellow Christians.

Never find in Bible--music intended to be evangelistic.

...in Psalms: OT Psalms put to music.

Vocal music of any kind---solos or anthems.

Psalter main instrument

...and Hymns: Songs of praise which exalted God.

*Singing* With voice. In NT always used in praising God.

*And making melody in your heart to the Lord.* to pluck on stringed instrument.

*...in your heart to the Lord.* ...originates in heart.

## **So What?**

Filled with Spirit? Controlled by Spirit?

Constantly bringing the scriptures to mind?

Internal desire to speak about Jesus?

Internal motivation to make Jesus look good? Glorify Christ? Love Jesus?

Sense His Conviction--sin, righteousness and judgment?